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Wearers of the 'Mercury Foot'
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Premier American Sprinter Runs One
Hundred Yards Against Time
in 10.15 Seconds.

FINE WORK IS THE RULE

New West Side Boys Capture Junior
Honor from Pastime
Rivals.

With a total of nine first, three second, eight third, four fourth and three fifth prizes, members of the 'Mercury Foot' New York Athletic Club team almost swept the board yesterday at the annual track and field championships of the Metropolitan Amateur Athletic Association, held at Celtic Park, Long Island City.

In so doing they tallied 94 of a possible 100 points for the valuable Spading trophy, which they have held since it was first given. The lads from the 'Nursery of Athletics,' the Pastime A.C., finished second, with 61, while the Greater New York Irish A.C. and New West Side A.C. scored 41 and 28 respectively.

In conjunction with the track and field championships in embryo struggled for the recently inaugurated junior championships, with the result that many keen and able youngsters were brought to the fore. When it was all over the showing was that the New West Side lads had annexed the temporary honor, with a total of thirty points, closely pressed by the Pastimes with twenty-nine.

World's record holders vied with one another for the possession of the honors and incidentally of gold which prizes the winner the king of performers at the event in which it was won. Champions were made and unmade during the progress of the day's doings, and there was not one spectator apparently who was dissatisfied with what was heretofore a fine afternoon's sport.

Everything in connection with the games was so well planned and so well carried out that the programme of the day was a model of each in the senior and junior lists, was run off in the style reflecting credit on the management.

Half a dozen champions competed in defence of the honors they had held since last year, and in the majority of cases the title holders were defeated. These were 'Auggie' Anderson and 'Jim' Mitchell, both of the N.Y.A.C., who held the 100 and 200 yard titles, respectively.

In being beaten, however, they were in no way disgraced, for the programme of the day was a model of each in the senior and junior lists, was run off in the style reflecting credit on the management.

While no new records were given over to the record of the day, the results of the events will stand out as being of distinctly high class. There was every call for the work of the day's doings, and the running events, consequent upon the miniature race, the runners faced during their dash to the finish line.

The wind seemed particularly forceful during the early afternoon, or during the middle of the day, and it was during this period that the New West Side A.C., the American and Canadian champion sprinter, showed wonderful dash in the 100 yard race, finishing in 10.15 seconds, which, considering the conditions, was a very good time.

The 'Mercury Foot' lads shortly afterwards gave a very good showing in the 200 yard race, finishing in 21.15 seconds, which, considering the conditions, was a very good time.

Other close races which had all the earmarks of hard fought contests from pistol fire to tape were the half mile and three mile sprint events.

In the first named Howard Valentine, of New York, secured the third place, while with C. Bacon, Greater New York Irish, who had just won the 'half' in the junior event. Although the 'Mercury Foot' lads after the first hundred yards, Bacon came with such a rattle at the finish that Valentine found himself left out at the end of the race.

John Joyce, of the Pastimes, the ten mile champion, indicated his great readiness to 'cut loose,' six hundred yards from home, from which point he started, and in the room for doubt, his sprint pulled along his clubmate, Frank Pierce, an Indian runner, who rolled home in a fine finish.

HILLMAN SCORES TWICE.
Harry Hillman, another New York A.C. lads, showed his versatility of form by winning in both the quarter mile and low hurdle events. His were probably the greatest victories of the day.

Other double winners were John Flanagan, Greater New York Irish, who won the 100 and 200 yard races, and John Flanagan, Greater New York Irish, who won the 100 and 200 yard races.

The trophies for these contests were donated by various devotees and athletes. One of the possible prizes of the day's sport brought about the winning of the quarter mile race by the donor of the prizes for this event, C. E. Schaps, of the Pastimes.

Other close victories were gained by Chester Peabody, New West Side A.C., in the 100 yard race, and by John Flanagan, Greater New York Irish, in the 200 yard race.

Walsh broke with the bunch, and in twenty yards showed a trifle to the good. At the half way mark he was travelling very fast, and from seventy-five yards he was beaten by two yards.

Hillman got away from his field around the first turn, and from there on it was a romp. A merry fight developed for second place, but Chester Peabody drew away in the last twenty-five yards and won the position in handsome style.



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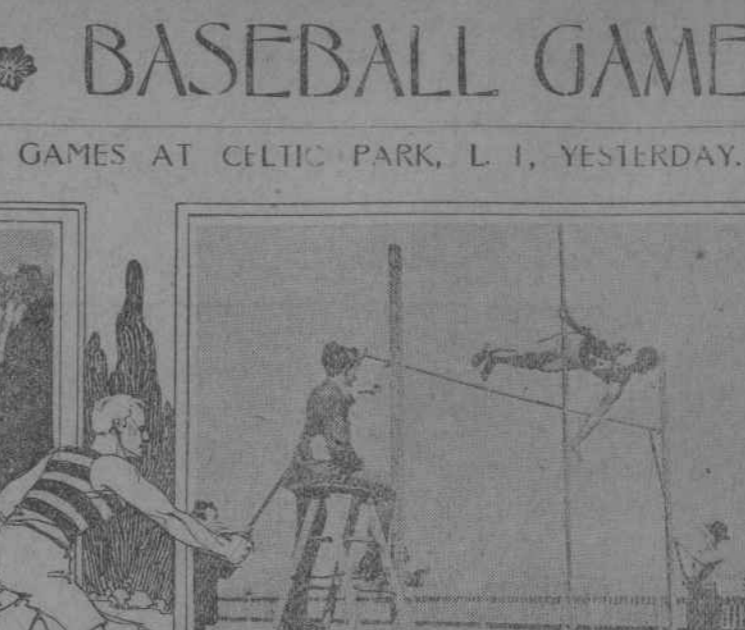
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